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Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Peter's Church of Coupland, recognizing Jesus Christ as the Son of God, invite all to share the joy of God's Word through the Holy Spirit, calling us to community, worship, service and fellowship.

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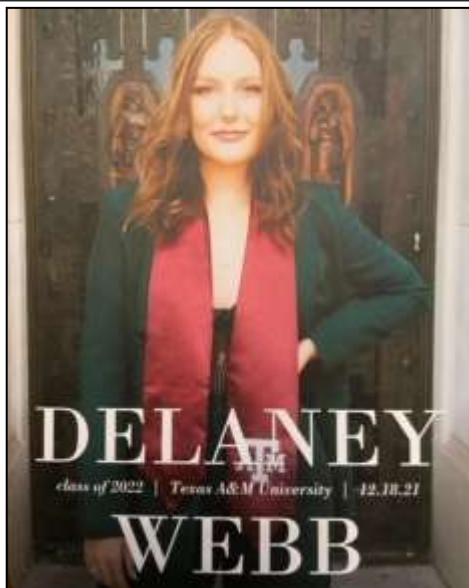


Proverbs 4:1-2 NRSV

Listen, children to a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight; for I give you good precepts: do not forsake my teaching.



Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Graduates!



Delaney Webb - Texas A&M



Jayme Johns - St. Mary's San Antonio



Kaley Gregory - University of Texas



Jake Townsend graduated from Taylor High Friday May 27. He played football all four years and was on Varsity for three of those years. He played one year of baseball. He will be going to the TEEC Lineman Academy in College Station this fall.

- submitted by Lois Schmidt - Grandmother

**STARK REALITY****June 2022**

Several years ago, I found this tag line at the end of an email. It said simply: **EACH OF US IS A THREAD IN THE FABRIC OF THE LOOM OF GOD.** What a terrific way to envision our connectedness in God's creation. This thought reflects how each of us is an integral part of a much larger whole. It also speaks of how when any thread is damaged, the whole of creation is affected.

As I think about the world today, I sense the very fabric of our existence being torn into shreds by senseless acts of violence and destruction. On May 14 we saw the effect of racial hatred as a young man decided to drive 200 miles to Buffalo NY and targeted innocent people who were doing what all of us do by going to a local grocery store to shop. 10 people lost their life that day. It was only 10 days later on May 24 that senseless violence came to Texas with the mass shooting at an Elementary School in Uvalde. When it was over, 19 children had their life cut short along with 2 teachers. It seems that we are a part of an ever-increasing spiral of violence. Where is the love and respect that God intends for the world?

I think we have become desensitized to the presence of violence in our world. I will never forget an incident that occurred shortly after Bonnie and I had arrived in Bangor, Maine for my entrance into seminary. A local 7-11 Convenience Store was robbed and everyone was in a state of shock at the fact that this had happened in their community. Having just moved from Austin, Texas where such robberies were a regular part of everyday life, we were quickly reminded how one can become almost numb to the violence in the world.

The Gun Violence Archive has logged 214 mass shootings just since the beginning of 2022. A mass shooting is defined as 4 or more people are shot in the same place. The result of this gun violence is that more than 17,300 people have lost their lives in these mass shootings.

A lot of people are focused on common sense gun legislation. There are a lot of people who are afraid that their "right to bear arms" as listed in the Constitution is being challenged. Out of this division in our country, the end result is inaction and the cycle of violence continues in our country.

I would like to call us to reflect on the underlying causes of violence. There is no doubt that mental health issues are a big part of the cause. On a simpler level, I want to suggest that in far too many cases the trigger is a sense of rejection. Far too often we have forgotten the basic call of God to "**LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES.**" Today we focus our energy on our differences and forget that we are all created by God. Diversity is a part of the richness of God's fabric. Today we see differences as a challenge to take up our positions and fight against all of those who do not think the way that we do. It will only be when we can see our diversity as a part of the beautiful fabric that God has created and remember that it is this same God who calls us to practice **LOVE and not HATE** in our lives.

Shalom

Rev. Charles Stark

June 5 will be Anna Harbuck's last Sunday. Van Herd will start June 12 and play thru the end of July. If you know of a Pianist, please let us know.



Confirmation

On Sunday June 5 Avery Ochoa and Haydon Shuttles will be Confirmed.
On Sunday June 19 Cayli Johns and Sofia Durrwachter will be Confirmed.



Diners

Thursday June 16 we will meet for Diners, at a location to be determined at 6:30pm. After dinner, we will collect an offering for the Taylor Food Pantry.



Potluck Sunday

Sunday June 26 is potluck Sunday. Join us after worship for food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share!



Senior Luncheon

We had another big TURNOUT for our Luncheon. We had over 40 Senior Citizens attend including Hostesses & Helpers. Hostesses were: Sandra & Don Wernli, Hermania Vitek, Janet Doss, Cindy Alexander, Cynthia & Teddy Wittliff, & Lois Schmidt. Helpers were: Arthur & Joyce Henze, Charlotte Albert, & Wanda Walther.

Charlotte did our beautiful Decorating; Pastor Charles did our table prayer. There were a lots of bingo players and 2 tables of "42" Dominoes. A Big Thank-You to everyone who helped us in any way!

Our next luncheon will be A PICNIC LUNCHEON on July 19 at 11:30am; SO DON'T FORGET about this LUNCHEON! If you play Bingo, it is encouraged that you bring a prize under \$10.

Sandra Wernli & Lois Schmidt
Co-Chairs

Our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Irene Florida: Shavano Park Senior Living, 3220 North Loop 1604 W, Apt #102 Shavano Park, TX 78231

Denny Poldrack: Will-O-Bell Nursing Home, P.O. Box 107, Bartlett, TX 76511

Nancy Goodlett: at home

Ann Johle: Sagebrook Nursing Center, 901 Discovery Blvd, Room #210 Cedar Park, TX 78613

June Birthdays

1st	Jayne Johns
5th	Cindy Alexander
7th	Melvin Poldrack
14th	Parker Dollins
15th	Aubrey Shuttles
16th	Brynley Finn
19th	June Schmidt
20th	Kathleen Kelso
25th	Allison Albert, Linda Albert
26th	Sawyer Poldrack
	Hunter Poldrack, Randy Gregory
29th	Honey Eiben, Lisa Thompson
30th	Alan Schmidt





April 2022 Income

Total Regular Giving for April \$11,902

Budgeted Amount for April \$11,579

Total Regular Giving January thru April \$43,684.76

Budgeted Amount January thru April \$49,210.75

Regular Offering Only

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June 2022 Special Offerings:

Sunday June 5 - Board of Christian Education

Sunday June 12 - Strengthen the Church

Sunday June 19 - Disaster Relief

Sunday June 26 - Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry

June Worship Schedule

June 5 Liturgist: Judy Downing Ushers: Jim & Linda Miller	June 12 Liturgist: Carolyn Haverland Ushers: Paul & Tammy Sane
June 19 Liturgist: Charlotte Albert Ushers: Zac & Cindy Wood	June 26 Liturgist: Cindy Wood Ushers: Don & Sandra Wernli



Happy 93rd Birthday!!!

On Thursday April 28 members of St. Peter's celebrated with SR Moss his 93rd Birthday at Morelia's in Elgin.





HEART OF TEXAS ASSOCIATION NEWS:

RECOGNIZING OUR LICENSED MINISTERS

Recently the Committee on Ministry completed renewing licenses for our Licensed Ministers.

Congratulations to Pastor Rene Slataper (Hope United Georgetown), Pastor Carl Schwartz-King (United Christian Church Austin), Pastor Eric Dehmer (Friedens UCC Washington), and Pastor Charlotte Albert (St. Peter's UCC Coupland) who have had their licenses renewed for 2022.

Several individuals have chosen not to have their licenses renewed for various reasons. We want to take a moment to our licensed ministers who have served the Association over the past few years.

- Cynthia Miller (St. John's UCC Burton) Look at all the great stuff Cindy has done!
- David Greer (St. John's UCC Burton)
- Risa La Fountain (St. John's UCC Burton, Faith UCC Bryan, Friedens UCC Washington)
- Janet Sherman Monroe (Faith UCC New Braunfels)
- Carlson Jakubik (Faith UCC New Braunfels and Eden Hill)

Please note that Carlos Jakubik died on Friday April 22

Thank you Cynthia, David, Risa, Janet, and Carlson for the ways in which you served your local congregations and their surrounding communities.

Rev. Nikki Stahl

Heart of Texas Association Minister



Thank you all for your prayers, concerns, and support in this hard time. This is a picture of the painting dad was working on when he passed away.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.
Peter, Ruby, and Family



I wish to thank St. Peter's Church for honoring me upon my Graduation from Taylor High School. Also, thank you for my gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. May God Bless You.

Sincerely, Jake Townsend

Recent Memorials

N= New Horizon C=Cemetery L=Landscaping M=Memorial Fund

For: Emily Garrison's Dad William "Bill" Porcynaluk
By: Bill & Charlotte Albert (N)



**St. Peter's Church of Coupland
Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2022**

Members present: Sharon Kreidel, Janet Doss, Carolyn Haverland, Anita Holubec, Roy Morris, Sandra Wernli, S.R. Moss, Peter Wabbel

Absent: Bonnie Sladek

The agenda was adopted with additions.

Approval was received for the minutes of last month.

Financial reports for Income & Expense and Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual were reviewed by council members. New Horizon funds were transferred from savings to checking to pay for down payment for the siding project.

Committee reports:

Pastoral Search Committee: A second application has been received and a Zoom interview has been planned for May 25th, 2022.

Cemetery Committee: Quotes have been received for the upkeep of the cemetery grounds. The current contractor, Black Stallion, submitted a quote of \$490 for once a month services. Zac Woods submitted a quote of \$290 for once a month services. A motion was made and approved by the Council to award Zac Woods a 3 month probationary contract for upkeep services which includes a clause that he receive prior approval if additional services are required during the month.

Evangelism Committee: Dana Smith has requested a budget for advertising for the church. Members are encouraged to share church information on Facebook and Instagram.

Pastor's report:

Pastor Charles reported on Maundy Thursday Tennebrae service on April 14th. He stated he received positive feedback from members who attended. The traditional Easter service had 107 in attendance. Please see Pastor's report for more details.

Old Business:

Member List: One additional response has been received since April 4th. The council will determine if we need to send out a second letter to those who have not responded.

Committee list: Assigned task force to work on committee lists. The group consists of Pastor Charles, Sharon Kreidel, Roy Morris, and Carolyn Haverland. A meeting has been set for May 18th.

Playground: This is on hold until the siding is determined. A committee has been appointed to research plans and costs to update the playground. Roy Morris, Tessa Rummel Strider, and Anita Houbec will comprise the committee.

Sign: On hold until siding project is completed.

Authorize all St. Peter's accounts to be updated to current contacts. Stacy Stork is in process of updating all accounts. All of the Edward Jones accounts have been updated.

Leveling Bid/Siding Update: Deposit was made for siding materials to be purchased. Bids were received for the leveling project. The contract was awarded to Jeremiah Bryan and work should begin in 2 weeks.

Update facility contract: The council approved a motion to update the contract to include a

guideline that states no alcohol is allowed in Fellowship Building or on church grounds. Council reviewed and approved the updated contract.

New Business:

Offering Update: Anita Houbec, Stacy Stork, and Sharon Kreidel developed a new process to ensure proper credit of offerings. The new process is currently under a trial run. Dana Smith is researching options for electronic offerings.

Offering Envelopes: Researching new contract for the design and printing of offering envelopes.

Graduation Recognition on May 22nd. High School and College graduates will be recognized during the service and at the Pot Luck Luncheon.

Storage Shelves and Bins: Storage is needed for all the table decorations provided by Charlotte Albert. The estimated cost is \$500 and council is exploring funding options.

Fellowship Hall Rental: Laurie Morris has requested to rent the Hall on August 6, 2022, from 9:00 -12:00. Council approved rental with completion of facility contract.

Garage Sale: The date has been set for September 10, 2022. Carolyn Haverland will be providing details on what items will **NOT** be accepted, and when and where donations can be brought in the near future.

A review of the calendars was done for July and August with a few changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Alexander
Secretary

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June Bread Baker Janet Doss June Event Coordinator Janet Doss			<i>1</i> Confirmation Class 5:30pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Pentecost Sunday Confirmation Avery Ochoa Haydon Shuttles	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
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<i>19</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship/ Communion Church Council Father's Day Confirmation Cayli Johns Sofia Durrwachter	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Elgin Ministerial Alliance 11:30am	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:15am Adult Class 10:15am Worship Potluck Luncheon	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Coffee Connections 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 10:30am	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 12 noon

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WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS

10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Interim Pastor: Charles Stark

Interim Pastor Phone: 830-660-7239

Pastor Email: clstark52@gmail.com

Licensed Minister -

Charlotte Albert

Music Director- Anna Harbuck

Secretary - Barbara Coleman

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